

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, line 3 immediately after the title:

-- This is a 371 National Stage application of International application no. PCT/FR2004/002052, filed April 30, 2004, which claims priority to French application no. 0309401, filed April 30, 2003. The entire contents of the above-referenced applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

Please insert the following section heading at page 1, line 4 after the cross reference to related applications paragraph:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following section heading at page 6, between lines 22 and 23:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 depicts the much slower degradation as a function of time, of injectable products according to the present invention, and two products available on the market, Juvéderm® and Restylane® (composition of polysaccharide gel of U.S. Patent 5,827,937).--